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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/01409, filed March 12, 1998, which claimed priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/040,969, filed March 12, 1997 (Related by Continuation (CON) or Continuation-in-Part (CIP) to Earlier Application US 60/040,969 (CIP), filed March 12, 1997).

1. Preliminary Amendment.
2. Application - 195 pages, including 6 independent claims and 26 claims total; 67 sheets of drawings and International Search Report.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fee. Please do not charge the filing fee to our Deposit Account without our authorization.

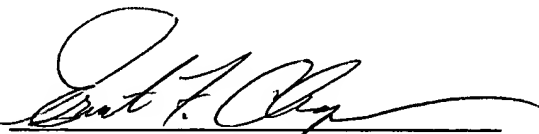
Applicants claim the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/040,969, filed March 12, 1997.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees due (but not the filing fees) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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